

If My People ... Sunday 03-15-2020 Handout

2 Chronicles 7:12-14 (NKJV) Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. {13} "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, {14} "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

I Turn your attention to Jesus and away from worry

- . For the dedicated Jesus follower everything will be OK **Romans 8:28**
- . **Psalm 91:1-8** (NKJV) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. {2} I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." {3} Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. {4} He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. {5} You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, {6} Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. {7} A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. {8} Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.
- . **Philippians 4:6-7** (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; {7} and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- . **1 Peter 5:7** (NKJV) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- . **Psalms 55:22** (NKJV) Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

II The humble will be lifted

- . **Psalm 18:27** (NKJV) For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.
- . **2 Chronicles 7:14** (NKJV) "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- . **Psalms 10:17** (NKJV) LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,
- . **Peter 5:5-6** (NKJV) Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {6} Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,
- . **James 4:10** (NKJV) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
- . **Psalms 10:12** (NKJV) Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

III The proud will be humbled

- . **Jeremiah 17:9-10** (NKJV) "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? {10} I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.
- . **Proverbs 16:18** (NKJV) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- . **Proverbs 29:23** (NKJV) A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.

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IV Prayers answered for those with a right heart

- **Psalms 24:3-4** (NKJV) Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? {4} He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
- **John 15:7** (NKJV) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- **1 John 5:14-15** (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. {15} And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- **Matthew 18:19-20** (NKJV) "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. {20} "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- **Psalms 84:11-12** (NKJV) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. {12} O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

V Everything changes when God responds to our Prayer, our Faith, and our Actions

- **2 Chronicles 15** (NKJV) Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. {2} And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. {3} "For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; {4} "but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. {5} "And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands. {6} "So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity.
- {7} "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"
- {8} And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the LORD that was before the vestibule of the LORD.
- {9} Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who sojourned with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. {12} Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;
- {15} And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.
- {19} And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.